

# FARM FEATURES

## Reveal High Tests For ABA Sires

Records of production by daughters of 76 of the bulls in use by the Michigan Artificial Breeders' Co-operative have been obtained and indicate high production and butterfat content.

A. C. Baiter, Michigan State College extension dairyman, has received a report from the bureau of dairy industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, giving information valuable to dairymen using the service.

The report shows that 222 daughters of 26 of the Guernsey bulls averaged 3,004 pounds of milk and 441 pounds of fat. The 40 Holstein sires showed 518 daughters averaging 13,437 pounds of milk and 451 pounds of fat.

Ten Jersey sires were reported with 54 daughters averaging 7,956 pounds of milk and 426 pounds of fat. Six of the Red Dane sires were reported with 246 daughters averaging 8,173 pounds of milk and 342 pounds of fat.

Rainbow Captain, Bold, the Holstein sire with 29 daughters having 63 production records averaging 14,726 pounds of milk and 544 pounds of fat, was the outstanding bull in the stud.

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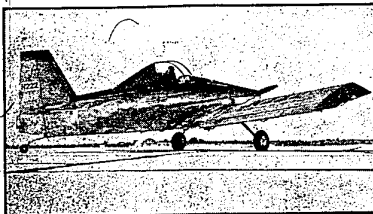
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## List Key Events For Farmers' Week

William Laurence, science editor of The New York Times, has been scheduled as the featured Farmers' Week speaker on the program of Tuesday, January 30, at Michigan State College.

Laurence is one of the men who saw the atom bomb manufactured and watched it fall on Hiroshima. He was selected by the government to explain the atomic bomb to the public.

His address in the MSC College auditorium at 2:30 p.m. January 30 will be "The Coming Biological Age".

Laurence is only one of many outstanding speakers being booked by Michigan State College officials for the Farmers' Week program.

Evening entertainment will feature an ice show and ice hockey game on Tuesday evening in the new MSC ice arena. It will be free to Farmers' Week visitors. Wednesday night's program will include banquets for beekeepers, fairs and soils, livestock and short course groups. Conservation movies will be shown to the public at 8 p.m. in the Music Auditorium.

The annual Horsemen's banquet will be held on Monday evening. On Thursday evening the soil conservation society and farm management banquets are scheduled. At 8 p.m. Thursday a free program of drama, music and dancing will be presented by Michigan State College students.

Departmental programs will be held morning and afternoon during the entire week of January 29, 1951.

## Clean Eggs Mean Higher Quality

Cleanliness is one of the first needs for quality eggs. That means eggs that are produced clean and not cleaned by hand, say Michigan State College extension poultrymen.

Hand cleaning may be injurious to the egg's quality. The protective coating of the shell is removed and the egg deteriorates faster, the poultrymen point out.

Some ways to get clean eggs are to give the hens clean nests, dry litter, to keep hens in until yards are dry, and by frequent collection. Hens that wander around a dirty barnyard and then track in the laying house are the worst offenders.

Attention to producing clean eggs for the market will pay off in greater profits and time saved, the poultrymen advise.

## HONEY BEE GIVES MUCH TO FARMER BESIDES HONEY

Emphasizing the importance of the honeybee to Michigan agriculture, a bulletin by the Michigan State College extension service points out that for each dollar the beekeeper receives, fifteen to twenty dollars worth of crop pollination is returned to the farmer.

The folder points out that 50 per cent of the cultivated crops require insect pollination and that clean cultivation practices in orchards hinder operations of the bee. Clean cultivation destroys the nesting places of wild insects, which feed on nectar and pollen.

Because bees seldom get enough nectar from fruit trees, many groves seed nearby orchard areas with sweet clover and other legumes, the bulletin reports. A good stand of alfalfa carries enough blossoms to produce 10 to 15 bushels of seed per acre, but the average remains at one bushel an acre today. Concentration of bee colonies in a good stand of alfalfa might increase the seed to four or five bushels an acre.

The bulletin emphasizes the fact intensive farming practices, with the elimination of permanent pasture fields, wood lots, and fence rows, have upset the balance between plants and pollinating insects.

## MSC Short Course Starts January 8

Registration for Michigan State College short courses, offering training in six different agricultural fields, will begin on Monday, January 8, on the Spartan campus, according to Ralph W. Tenny, director.

Short courses are offered during the slack farming season to attract the widest possible number of farm people. They combine practical work problems with class work which offers technical information in condensed form.

Students take part in 30 to 35 hours of class and laboratory activity per week.

Courses to be offered during the winter will be: Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Plant Operation, Dairy Farm Operation, Fruit Production, Poultry Production and Practical Floriculture.

The program will be in session from January 8 to March 2, Tenny said.

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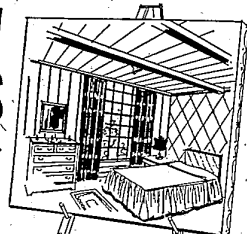


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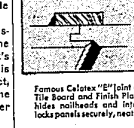
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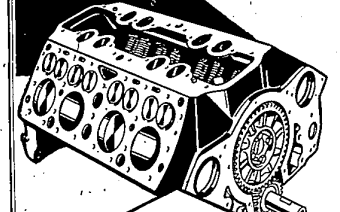
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